

Tar Gula language

The **Gula language**, or *Tar Gula*, of the Central African Republic, commonly known as **Kara**, is a Central Sudanic language or dialect cluster. The term "Kara" is also attached to numerous ethnic groups of the region and their languages, and so is often ambiguous.

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Ethnologue lists *Gula du Mamoun*, *Kara* (of South Sudan) and *Yamegi* as synonyms, and *Molo*, *Mele*, *Mot-Mar* (*Moto-Mara*), *Sar* (*Sara*), *Mere*, and *Zura* (*Koto*) as dialects.

Classification

Sources disagree as to whether Gula shares a Kara branch with other languages, with proposed Kara languages in one classification reassigned to other branches in other classifications. (See Kara languages.)

Locations

As of 2013, ethnic Kara were reported to be residing in Menamba Boma, Ringi Payam, Raja County.^[3]

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Kara	
<i>Tar Gula</i>	
Native to	Central African Republic and South Sudan
Ethnicity	Kara
Native speakers	13,000 (1996) ^[1]
Language family	<div>Nilo-Saharan?<ul style="list-style-type: none">Central Sudanic<ul style="list-style-type: none">Bongo–Bagirmi<ul style="list-style-type: none">Kara<ul style="list-style-type: none">Kara</div>
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	kcm
Glottolog	gula1266 (http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/gula1266) ^[2]

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